hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No.: 15280-261100

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Examiner:

B. Badio

Hyun K. Kim, et al.

Art Unit:

1616

Application No.: 09/180,132

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Filed: May 24, 1999

21-SUBSTITUTED PROGESTERONE For:

DERIVATIVES AS NEW

ANTIPROGESTATIONAL AGENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 6, 1999 for two months, from September 6, 1999 to November 6, 1999. An appropriate response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$380 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

San Francisco, California 94111-3834 Tel: (415) 576-0200, Fax: (415) 576-0300

EGW/lls SF 150963 v1